

Pushmataha County
A Better Clayton (ABC) Coalition
Established 2003

At a Glance

A Better Clayton (ABC) was formed in October 2003. This community coalition came together after a tragic vehicle accident involving three young teens, in which two were killed due to drinking and driving. This event engaged the community to band together to look at the health and behavior of their local youth. This group is committed to identifying and addressing issues to promote healthy lifestyles and promote community collaboration throughout the community.

Key Activities of 2005

- Arts Camp Fund Raiser
- Building Coalition Capacity
- Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Activities – CORE Capacity
- Community Concerns Assessment
- Developing Bylaws
- Expanding Partnership
- Healthy Lifestyles Initiatives
- Hosted 2nd Annual Clayton Summer Arts Camp
- I Died Who's Next – Drinking and Driving Simulation School Assembly – Project CHILD
- Initiated Positive Youth Media Campaign – Sponsored two community billboards – Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles Program and Local Health Department
- Mentoring Program for adults/young children – PASSPORT to the Future
- Opened Choctaw Nation- Clayton Boys/Girls Club of America
- Opened Clayton Community Health Clinic – Federally Quality Health Clinic
- Parent Communication Program – Project PROMISE
- School Abstinence Education Curriculum Implemented – Project PROMISE
- School Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Education Curriculum Implemented – Project CHILD
- Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)
- Youth Leadership Projects

Priorities of the Partnership

- Community Collaboration
- Economic Development
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Positive Action(s) for Youth

Partners

- Choctaw Nation CORE Capacity Healthy Lifestyles/Project CHILD
- City Council Members
- City Manager
- Clayton First Baptist Church
- Clayton Public School System
- Clayton Today Newspaper
- Community Volunteers and Concerned Citizens
- Community Youth
- Little Dixie C.A.A. – PASSPORT to the Future
- Police Department
- Project PROMISE – Abstinence Education
- Project S.P.I.T. – Tobacco Control
- Pushmataha County Development (PDI)
- Pushmataha County Health Department
- Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition
- Retired Citizens
- Shamrock Bank

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